Proposal by Aero Club of Poland

It is Proposed:

To change scoring formula by attenuating effect of single best distance on all remaining scores. For this purpose it is proposed to average best distance achieved on the competition day on the basis of best quarter of competitors that day

This proposal affects:

Annex A to Sporting Code Section Gliding

Reasons supporting the proposal:

As noted by most of us, AAT is often too high scored (especially in poor weather conditions). The problem seems to be the methodology of evaluation. In theory it consists of assessing the quality of weather and the degree of randomness. But this is only a theory, in addition adapted directly from years when there was no AAT.

In both types of task, determination of the maximum number of points is based on the distance that flew the best pilot. But in real, in case of RT the maximum distance is the distance that flew not only the best pilot, but also the weakest among those who have completed the task (and so often the weakest at all). In AAT the same parameter is calculated based on only the best competitor, so in effect quite differently. Distance task also takes into account only the best distance.

To reduce these disparities, it could be calculated on the basis of the average of the value determined from the distance obtained by the top part of the players. As a result, in RT where most pilots completed the task, there will be no change. However, in AAT and RT where only few reach the airport (or none), the maximum number of points will be a little smaller than it is today.

Proposed changes shall not affect significantly the way the task is and tactics of the competitors.

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